

RECORDS BROKEN IN ORDER GROWTH

Modern Woodmen Surpasses All High Marks for Last Three Years and Ten Months.

NOVEMBER INCREASE IS \$810

Same Spirit Which Carried Society Forward In Old Days Again In Evidence.

Surpassing all high marks for the last three years and ten months, the Modern Woodmen of America closes its record of new certificates issued in November with a total of 8,010. This may not seem remarkable when some of the past achievements of the society are called to mind, but as an indication of present harmony and good will, the M. W. business for the month just ended acquires distinguished significance.

There is the old-time emulation and rivalry between camps, districts and states that counted for so much in the force of enthusiasm that carried the society to the pinnacle of its success in 1910 and 1911. This same spirit is very much in evidence at the present moment, according to a statement given out by Head Clerk McNamara today, and all signs point to a new era of growth and prosperity that will speedily win back the prestige which, not so very long ago, enabled the society to boast of having more than one million members in good standing. Indeed, it has been gradually recovering lost ground until it again stands very close to the thousand century mark and a few months more, such as those recently experienced, will remove all doubt of the society's ability to come back.

The head consul and the head clerk give the full credit for this booster movement to the deputies, local camp officers and members who are directly on the firing line, and the fact that all have been working together with the head officers for the restoration of the activity for which the society has heretofore been so distinguished is, no doubt responsible for the marked upward tendency in new business discernible so soon after the close of the Toledo head camp.

Including the new certificates issued for November, the results at 11 months of 1915 total 71,254 certificates. This is \$1,534 better than the record for the whole year of 1914. The new members added to the Modern Woodmen during this brief period will easily outnumber the total membership of many societies that pride themselves on being prosperous, growing concerns, and rightfully so at that.

Few Realize Importance.
Probably very few citizens realize what a huge institution is located so close to their very firesides and big numbers, oft repeated, cease to awaken an answering interest, or arouse even passing comment. Nevertheless, it is a fact that right here in Rock Island is the home of the largest society of its kind in all America. If not in the world, and its beneficent accomplishments are so far-reaching that it is not

WHERE RUSSIA IS MASSING GREAT ARMY TO STRIKE AT THE BULGARS



This map shows the points where Russia is reported to be concentrating troops for an invasion of Bulgaria, either by the Danube—which is by treaty an international waterway—or by the Black sea. The heavy circles mark the points of concentration at Rani and Ismail on the Danube in Besarabia and at Odessa, Russia's big Black sea port. The lower Danube is wide and deep enough for a flotilla of large steamships.

The expedition may strike at Rustchuk, Bulgaria's principal Danube port, or at Varna or Burgas, her Black sea ports. Varna already has been bombarded by the Russians, but German submarines are reported operating there.

easy to comprehend their full significance.

As compared with new business for the same month in the preceding three years, the month of November, 1915, stands in a class by itself. In 1912, there were only 269 certificates issued to November's credit; in 1913, 2,574, and in 1914, 3,744. Efforts are now being centered to make December show an even larger increase and it is certain that the year will close with a record of over 75,000 certificates, which will be most gratifying, indeed, to those who have been watching the career of this great society with friendly interest.

SILVIS

Saturday afternoon Mrs. James Shannon threw open her home for the entertainment of the members and friends of the Silvis Pioneer Birthday club. The table and room decorations were of yellow and white chrysanthemums. Miss Elizabeth Donagho, Mrs. Henry Schmidt, Mrs. John Ransom, Miss Mary Shepherd and Mrs. Glen Walker assisted the hostess in serving a nice luncheon.

Last Friday afternoon the Ladies

Aid society of the Silvis Memorial Methodist church had a special meeting to complete all unfinished work for the bazaar to be held in the church December 2.

Saturday evening Mrs. Fred Hartline entertained the Jolly Five Hundred club when the prizes were won by O. G. Peterson, Richard Rettig, Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Rettig. Mrs. Rettig will next entertain the club.

A union Thanksgiving service was held Wednesday evening at the Baptist church. The Rev. Loyal M. Thompson of the Memorial Methodist church preached an interesting sermon. A large number from each church attended.

Friday evening the third number of the course of entertainments given under the auspices of the Semper Fideles class including singing by the Metropolitan Glee club was well attended.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pike was the scene of a pleasant gathering of young people Thursday evening in honor of their son George, who recently arrived home from Manley, Iowa. The home was very prettily decorated for the occasion. Games, music and general sociability preceded the serving of refreshments by the hostess.

Mrs. Richard Walsh, who had the misfortune to fall down the stair steps leading to the basement in her home, spraining an ankle, is slowly recovering from the accident.

William Emmerritt and family were paid a visit by Mr. and Mrs. David Emmerritt of Blue Island.

The Baptist Young People's Union held their regular monthly business meeting at the church Friday evening. After the devotional exercises and regular business session some time was spent in general sociability. Later refreshments were served.

Last Sunday evening at the meeting of the B. Y. P. U. Rev. Mr. Meeker of Davenport gave a report of the convention at Aurora.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met at the church last Wednesday afternoon. After some time spent in needlework and conversation a nice lunch was served. A large collection was taken in and it was a very pleasant and profitable meeting.

Friday evening at the Memorial Methodist church the Semper Fideles class will have their regular monthly business meeting and social.

Mr. Ferguson and family will move to Newton, Iowa.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid society cleared \$70 at their bazaar last Wednesday evening.

Yesterday afternoon the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Newton was the scene of a very pleasant children's party in honor of their little daughter Amy's ninth birthday anniversary. The home was very artistically decorated for the occasion. A lovely birthday cake frosted in white and bearing just nine lighted tapers in pink holders graced the center of the table. The hours sped merrily in games and contests and the little miss received some pretty gifts.

Mrs. Le Roy Smith recently had as guests her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Saturday afternoon the Trainmen's Aid was very well delightedly entertained at the home of Mrs. Clinkenberg. Needlework and conversation made the hours pass all too quickly. Later a nice luncheon was served by the hostess.

The home of Mrs. Charles Roach was the scene of a very pleasant surprise party when a number of her relatives and neighbors went to her home completely surprising her on the anniversary of her birthday and taking well filled baskets with them. After some hours passed quickly and pleasantly in games and needlework, Mrs. Richard Bell in behalf of the guests presented their hostess with a linen table cloth. Much merriment prevailed throughout the afternoon and it was an afternoon long to be remembered by those who attended. The



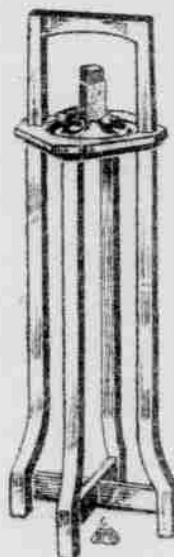
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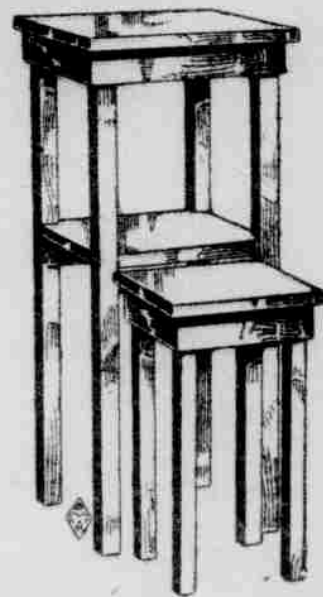
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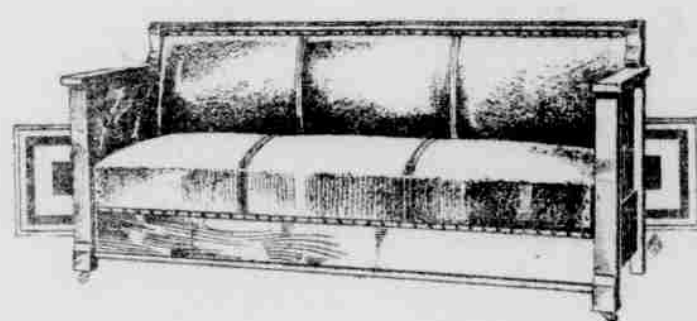
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ULLEMEYER
The Clothier

room and table decorations were of pink and white chrysanthemums. The prizes in the games were won by Mesdames William Emmerritt, John Korb and Frank Haddick.

A Thanksgiving program was given in each of the grades at the McKinley school Wednesday afternoon after which school was closed till Monday morning for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pottiger are the parents of a daughter born Wednesday morning at the Moline City hospital.

Mrs. Charles Hood at her home at 1119 Twenty-fifth street, Moline, entertained the members and friends of the Scotch Highland Heath club last

Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5. The club is composed of ladies residing in Silvis and Moline. The home was very artistically decorated for the occasion. Games and contests made the hours pass all too quickly. Later a nice luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by her two daughters, the Misses Emma and Mildred Hood. Visitors from Silvis who went are Mrs. Eckhardt, Mrs. J. H. Leasure and Mrs. George Hampshire.

The Crescent Embroidery and Reading club will be entertained next week at the home of Mrs. Henry Schmidt.

Dr. W. D. Chapman, who recently underwent an operation at the Moline city hospital, was able to be brought home this week.

Mr. Willard and family have moved here from Oklahoma.

Dr. Chapman and family have gone to Whitehall to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frew have arrived home from a visit at Chicago.

Mrs. Smith and children of Chickasaw, Okla., are the guests of her mother, Mrs. William Tubbs of Fourteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Smith of Isabelle, Kan., are visiting relatives.

Mrs. Dittmers, residing on Ninth street and Second avenue, was taken to the Moline city hospital suffering with appendicitis.

Ed Price and family have moved from Sixth to Twelfth street and will occupy the George Tutberry residence.

Mrs. John Saunders threw open her home for the entertainment of the members of the Crescent Embroidery and Reading club. The time passed all too quickly in conversation while the ladies embroidered on dainty pieces of linen. A literary and musical program later preceded the serving of dainty refreshments by the hostess, who departs soon for her new home at Peoria.

The members of the Memorial Methodist church Sunday school are planning a Christmas entertainment for Christmas eve.

David G. Stout and family, formerly of Silvis, now of Monmouth, were visiting with friends here and relatives in Moline last week.